

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
January 22, 2001

Vice-Chairman Max Pavesic called the quarterly meeting of the Idaho State Historical Society Board of Trustees to order at 8:15 a.m., January 22, 2001, in the Capital Room at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel, Boise, Idaho. Present: Trustees Lorna Bard, Tony Edmondson, Mary Gin Kennedy, Max Pavesic, Eugene Place, and new Trustee Bob Swanson. Absent: Robert Singletary. Guests attending: Justice Gerald Schroeder, David Leroy, Kay Manweiler, Marian Wilson. Staff attending: Executive Director Steve Guerber, Vi Huntsinger, Steve Walker, Milan Kovach, Ken Reid, Mary Arthur, Ken Swanson, Linda Morton-Keithley, and Doris Camp.

Swearing-In Ceremony

Supreme Court Justice Gerald Schroeder administered the Oath of Office to new Trustee Dr. Merwin (Bob) Swanson and to Tony L. Edmondson, who was selected for a second term as Trustee.

Election of 2001 ISHS Board Chair/Vice Chair

Vice-Chairman Pavesic stated the first order of business is to elect a new Chairman of the Board, which is for a two-year term.

Trustee Place moved, seconded by Trustee Bard, to nominate Max Pavesic for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Bard moved, seconded by Trustee Edmondson, to close the nominations. The Board voted unanimously to select Trustee Pavesic as the new Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Trustee Bard moved, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, to nominate Tony Edmondson as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Trustee Kennedy moved that the nominations be closed. The Board voted unanimously to select Trustee Edmondson as the new Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the quarterly Board meeting, the Executive session, and Idaho Geographic Names Board meeting for October 27, 2000, were approved as read.

Old Business

David Leroy addressed the Board on the status of the proposed Idaho History Foundation. Chairman Pavesic passed out a draft he had written stating the mission and purpose for creation of the foundation, and a draft resolution which was presented at the last meeting by David Leroy. Leroy stated it would best serve the purpose of the Society to establish a private foundation in place of a capital campaign.

Trustee Kennedy moved, seconded by Trustee Bard, to add Idaho History Week to the list of programs and offerings of the Idaho State Historical Society that are identified in the paragraph entitled "Purpose." The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Leroy stated he would move ahead with creating the foundation documents and file them with the Secretary of State's office. He will meet with people interested in serving on the Board.

Chairman Pavesic stated two ISHS Board of Trustees members should serve on the Board of the Foundation. Chairman Pavesic will serve on the Board and David Leroy will be chairman. One other Trustee will be elected to serve. Director Guerber noted that several foundations in other states have designated the head of that agency as Secretary to assure a relationship between the two organizations.

Trustee Edmondson moved, seconded by Trustee Place, that the draft Resolution be adopted. Trustee Kennedy suggested that in the last paragraph on "Giving" that the words "enhance and support" be added on the Yesteryears Campaign draft. Trustee Edmondson amended his motion to reflect that change. The motion carried unanimously.

State Archivist Steve Walker and Kay Manweiler, Deputy Attorney General, discussed the archival rule making authority. Walker discussed a draft copy of "A Creation of Government Records, Archival Maintenance, and Preservation Account." Manweiler discussed the process of rule making.

Director Guerberr stated the Society should wait until the State Historic Records Advisory Board (SHRAB) suggests that it is the right time to send the draft to the State Board for their approval. Walker stated the material is strictly in draft form and several changes would probably be made.

Trustee Place moved, seconded by Trustee Bard, that the Society move forward on the draft for

the creation of “A Government Records, Archival Maintenance and Preservation Account” and meet with other agencies for their input to see if this would be workable. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken Swanson, Administrator of the Museum and Historic Sites gave an update on the ISHS/Friends of Stricker Ranch Memo of Understanding. Marion Wilson stated the Friends are in favor of signing the MOU with recommended revisions. Mrs. Wilson said it would be signed soon. Kay Manweiler will work on those changes.

Director Guerber gave an update on the status of Rock Creek/Stricker Master Plan, which John Bertram is working on. A draft has been finished and a few minor changes will be made. The final plan should be finished by the first of February.

Linda Morton-Keithley, Administrator of the Library/Archives, gave an update on the status of Phase II of the Idaho History Center. ZGA Architects have signed a contract with the State of Idaho. The architects have met with the three work groups who will be occupying the building. They are gathering information on space needs and are talking to each work group. Trustees Pavesic and Edmondson are on the committee.

Ken Swanson gave a status report on the J. Curtis Earl Collection. All of the property is in Boise except for the Russian MIG, which will be in Idaho soon. The building is complete and the exhibits are starting to be built.

Ken Reid, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Office and State Archaeologist discussed the “Vistas” Project and whether or not to have the project contracted out. This would relieve the staff of a lot of work. Also discussed was how the pictures are to be taken so there would be a negative, or whether a digital format would be sufficient. Funding was also discussed and whether a grant could be obtained. Chairman Pavesic stated a document should be developed as to how the project will be carried out, including cost estimates, and then submitted to the Board. Reid stated that by early February he will try and have a report ready.

Director Guerber gave an update on the status of the Old Pen Historic District Master Plan. It will show appropriate development at the Old Pen site in the future.

New Business

Quarterly reports were reviewed by the Trustees and comments directed to the administrators who were present.

A draft copy of the Collections Policy, submitted by Ken Swanson, was discussed. A completed policy will be readied for the next quarterly meeting of the Trustees.

At 11:30 a.m., Trustee Kennedy moved, seconded by Trustee Bard, to recess the meeting and enter into executive session per Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(b) to consider personnel matters and per Idaho Code Section 67-2345(1)(f) to consider pending litigation. The roll call vote was unanimous. At 12:00 noon, the executive session recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m., the Board returned to executive session.

At 1:10 p.m., Trustee Place moved, seconded by Trustee Bard, to adjourn the executive session and return to the regular meeting. A roll call vote was unanimously in favor.

Quarterly reports discussion continued with the Administration report. Director Guerber passed out a draft copy of a Seven-Year Activity Plan.

Trustee Bard moved, seconded by Trustee Edmondson, to approve the quarterly reports. The motion carried unanimously.

Executive Director's Report

Director Guerber stated the Legislative Reception will be held that evening from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Historical Museum.

Guerber discussed the budget presentation scheduled by JFAC on Friday, January 27th. He will be presenting the budget dressed as Sacajawea's son, Jean Baptiste Charbonneau.

The FY2003 budget needs to be turned in to the State Board of Education in early May. Extra funds will be needed to move into the new Idaho History Center building and for equipment, shelving, desks, etc.

Guerber also reported on the Idaho Lewis and Clark Trail Committee and the Idaho Capitol Commission.

A request was made by Director Guerber to table The Old Penitentiary Horse Policy until the next meeting. Trustee Bard moved, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, to continue discussion on the Horse Policy at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pavesic stated that the Idaho Yesterdays Campaign, which was discussed earlier, should be amended to read "Idaho History Foundation, Inc" instead of "Idaho Yesteryears Foundation, Inc" wherever it appears in the document.

Trustee Kennedy moved, seconded by Trustee Edmondson, to make an amendment to the "Yesterdays Campaign" that wherever the name "Idaho Yesteryears Foundation" appears, that it be changed to "Idaho History Foundation" and added to the "Purpose" paragraph, "to support Idaho Archaeology Week and Idaho History Day." The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Pavesic assigned the following work group Trustee liaisons:

Tony Edmondson - Library/Archives
Robert Singletary - Administration
Bob Swanson - Museum
Mary Gin Kennedy - Historic Sites
Lorna Bard - SHPO
Gene Place - Outreach and Development

The next quarterly Board of Trustees meeting will be held April 27, 2001, in Boise.

The summer meeting will be held July 27, 2001, in Franklin.

Trustee Bard moved, seconded by Trustee Kennedy, to adjourn the meeting at 2:00 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

STEVE GUERBER
Executive Director